Payment of DA to officers of CIL during their foreign visits

†755. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the payment of DA to officers of Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries is not made in accordance with the guidelines of the Government of India during their foreign visits;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the foreign visits undertaken by officers of Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries during the last three years;

(d) whether it is a fact that during the period of training false payment of DA was made; and

(e) if so, the details of the action taken against the officers responsible for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Since November 1997, rules/norms for payment of DA during foreign visits are in conformity with Government rules/norms.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(c) In the last three years 141 executives have undertaken travel abroad as per details given below:

Year	No. of Officers
1999-2000	57
2000-2001	45
2001-2002	39

(d) As reported by CIL, it is not a fact that during the period of training false payment of DA was made. Daily allowance has been paid as per the rules and norms of CIL.

(e) Does not arise.

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